

## --- 10 Pounds - Montreal Division - Black Consumption Caddy stamps – (1874-1883) ---

[ Chris Ryan, “Canadian Revenue Newsletter”, No. 39, of May 2002 ]

“In September of 1869, the square BOX and CADDY excise stamps were supplemented by twelve new stamps in six denominations for consumption (black) and for warehouse (red). The denomination of these items represented the maximum weight of tobacco to which they could be affixed. Unlike other BABN tobacco stamps in use up to that time, the new denominated stamps were produced from steel plates (intaglio).

The *small* stamp was initially issued in denominations of one-quarter, one-half and one pound. In February of 1880 a one-tenth pound stamp was prepared for use in the Windsor Division. The duty collected by these stamps was to be the full amount represented by their denomination, regardless of the actual weight of tobacco in the package.

In September 1874 the Revenue Department authorized the preparation of the first Division-specific stamps for manufactured tobacco. These stamps bear the printed name of the Revenue Division and signature of its Collector in the spaces previously left blank to be filled in by hand or rubberstamp. The first of these personalized stamps were prepared for use in Montreal and Toronto. It is surmised that similar stamps for other Divisions were subsequently introduced overtime as warranted by numbers used.”

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The catalogue lists this Montreal Division ten pound black consumption stamp as follows:

- RM-97** - 10 pounds, black, Montreal, perf 12, on *block wmkd* horizontal mesh thick wove - 5 mm. blue controls, inscribed *Dunbar Browne Coll. Int<sup>l</sup> Rev.*
- RM-98†** - 10 pounds, black, Montreal, perf 12, on *block wmkd* horizontal mesh thick wove - 4 mm. blue controls, inscribed *Dunbar Browne Coll. Int<sup>l</sup> Rev. – WANTED?*
- RM-99** - 10 pounds, black, Montreal, perf 12, on *block wmkd* horizontal mesh thick wove - 5 mm. blue controls, inscribed *Dunbar Browne Coll. Int<sup>l</sup> Rev.* and stamped ***J.L. Vincent / Acting Coll.***
- RM-101** - 10 pounds, black, Montreal, perf 12, on *block wmkd* horizontal mesh thick wove - 4 mm. blue controls, inscribed *J. L. Vincent Coll. Int<sup>l</sup> Rev.*

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<b>1st BABN Contract</b> (1868-1873)	John McKay reports that 55,000 copies of “10 lb., S. M. R. Black” were delivered. Prior to 1874 these would be “Division Open”.
<b>2nd BABN Contract</b> (1873-1878)	John McKay reports that 65,000 copies of “10 lb., Black Tobacco” were delivered. I calculate that 35,000 were Division “Open”, 25,000 were for “Montreal” and 5,000 were for the “Toronto” Division.
<b>3rd BABN Contract</b> (1878-1886)	John McKay reports that 30,000 copies of “10 lb., Black, Montreal” were delivered. These were the <i>J. L. Vincent</i> stamps.

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### --- The “theoretical” control number range on the 10 pound black “Montreal” Division stamps ---

- RM-97** - 10 pounds, black, Montreal, on *block wmkd* thick wove - *Dunbar Browne* - **00001 to 15000**
- RM-99** - RM-97 stamped ***J. L. Vincent / Acting Coll.*** - from the above
- RM-101** - 10 pounds, black, Montreal, on *block wmkd* thick wove - *J. L. Vincent* - **15001 to 45000**

### --- The “actual” control number range on the 10 pound black Montreal stamps - as recorded to date ---

- RM-97** - 10 pounds, black, Montreal, on *block wmkd* wove - *Dunbar Browne* - **00654** a single copy
- RM-99** - RM-97 stamped ***J. L. Vincent / Acting Coll.*** - **05084** a single copy
- RM-101** - 10 pounds, black, Montreal, on *block wmkd* wove - *J. L. Vincent* - **18994 to 38492**
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--- 10 Pounds - “Montreal” Division - Black - Consumption Stamps - 106 x 48 mm. - 1874-1883 ---

--- on *block watermarked* thick wove - with 5 mm. blue control numbers - design 63 x 47 mm ---

--- RM-97 - perforated 12 - scanned at 100% scale - inscribed. *Dunbar Browne, Coll. Int<sup>l</sup> Rev.* ---

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★**RM-97** - 10 pounds, black, Montreal Division, perforated 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove, with 5 mm. control **00654**, dated 18 - 77 on March 21st 1877, for 9 pounds of *Cavendish* by Licensee # 11

--- stamped **J.L. Vincent / Acting Coll.** ---



★**RM-99** - 10 pounds, black, Montreal Division, perforated 12, *block wmkd* thick wove, with 5 mm. control **05084**, dated 22 - 79 in May 1879, for 6¼ pounds of *Snuff* by Licensee # 3 - stamped **J.L. Vincent / Acting Coll.**

<b>00654</b> ★	03/77	RM-97	10 pounds, “Montreal” Division, on <i>block wmkd</i> horizontal mesh thick wove, dated 18 - 77, used by Licensee #11, for 9 pounds of <i>Cavendish</i>
<b>05084</b> ★	05/79	RM-99	10 pounds, “Montreal” Division, on <i>block wmkd</i> horizontal mesh thick wove, dated 22 - 79, used by Licensee # 3, for 6¼ pound of <i>Snuff</i> , stamped <b>J.L. Vincent / Acting Coll.</b> in purple script

Snuff was not taxed as a separate item until the Budget of 1883. Prior to the 1883 Budget it was simply taxed as *manufactured tobacco*.



--- on block watermarked thick wove - without control numbers - design 63 x 47 mm ---



★RM-97n - 10 pounds, black, Montreal Division, perf 12, on block wmkd thick wove, without control numbering - with the 55 mm. imprint "BRITISH AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. MONTREAL & OTTAWA"



★RM-97n - 10 pounds, black, Montreal Division, perf 12 (clipped), on block wmkd thick wove, without control numbering - with the 55 mm. imprint "BRITISH AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. MONTREAL & OTTAWA"



--- the bottom left corner of RM-97 TP - scanned at 300% scale ---

--- 10 Pounds - “Montreal” Division - Black - Consumption Stamps - 106 x 48 mm. - 1874-1883 ---

--- printed at Montreal on *block watermarked* thick wove - with 4 mm. blue control numbers - design 63 x 47 mm ---

--- perforated 12 - scanned at 100% scale - inscribed. *J. L. Vincent, Coll. Int<sup>l</sup> Rev.* ---

--- 42 mm. imprint “BRITISH AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. MONTREAL” ---

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★ **RM-101** - 10 pounds, black, Montreal Division, perforated 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove, with 4 mm. control **18994**, dated **1 - 82** in July 1882 by Licensee # 3, for 6½ pounds, stamped **SNUFF** in 8 mm. violet Gothic



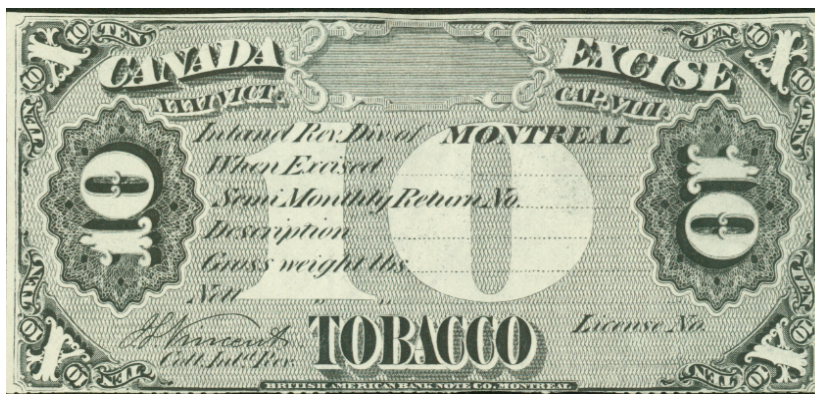
★ **RM-101** - 10 pounds, black, Montreal Division, perforated 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove, with 4 mm. control **38492**, stamped **8.17 5 '84** in September 1884, by the “Adam’s Tobacco Company”, Montreal

It is interesting that this stamp is from September 1884, as the stamps were recalled on July 1st 1883.

<b>18994★</b>	01/82	RM-101	10 pounds, black, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove, 6½ lbs., stamped <b>SNUFF</b> in 8 mm. violet Gothic letters, dated <b>1 - 82</b>
<b>27495</b>	06/82	RM-101	10 pounds, black, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove, 5½ lbs., stamped <b>SNUFF</b> in 8 mm. violet Gothic letters, dated <b>24 - 82</b>
<b>34843</b>	07/83	RM-101	10 pounds, black, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove, stamped 8.17 <b>7 '83</b>
<b>38492★</b>	09/84	RM-101	10 pounds, black, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove, stamped 8.17 <b>5 '84</b>



--- printed at Montreal on *block watermarked thick wove* - *without control numbers* - design 63 x 47 mm ---



★ **RM-101n** - 10 pounds, black, Montreal Division, perforated 12 (clipped), on *block wmkd* thick wove, *without* controls



--- the lower left of **RM-101 TP** - scanned at 300% scale ---

The collection contains many of these clipped imperforate "TP" stamps (from the Morris collection) which under magnification shows signs of original perforation. I sincerely doubt that any philatelist would have mutilated the stamps in this manner. At the time it was illegal to possess tax-paid stamps in mint condition, and even used examples were by law to be broken on opening the package. I feel that BABN, as a favour to a philatelist, clipped the perforations on this *control-free* stamp prior to releasing it.

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